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A BIG HELLO!

SANDS - BEACHES - BREAKERS - CREEKS

And how's my outfit of Younger Boy Campers?

Man alive, it hardly seems here.....and that five months camp.

And speaking of time, would five months, twenty days, slapping each other on the Miniwanca....171 days.....

And let me tell you, camp next summer. If you enjoyed your mind that you are camp even more.

That's one fine thing a progressive camp...always look forward to. Which one came to camp last summer, had the first boys in all America

time and not on snow? Well, we sure did it, and since you boys were in camp, we have developed a scheme for pulling the toboggan back to the top of Baldy with a 300-foot rope....and next summer....well, what would you say if each tribe had its own toboggan.....and we widened the slide and cleared out more woods and had real races down Baldy - Whoopee!!!

Yessir, Miniwanca next summer is going to be great and I'm just hoping every man jack of you will be back to help develop new traditions and work out the many new ideas that we have on the program for 1933.



possible that Christmas is have passed since we were in

you believe it.....that in and twelve hours we'll be back again at good old eemagin!!!

sure is going to be great it this year, just make up going to enjoy next summer's

about Camp Miniwanca....it is something new and original to of you, for instance, when you any idea that you'd be one of to go tobogganing in the summer-

For instance, there's the new plan that we have in mind to....well, that would be telling....Maybe I'll have space elsewhere in The Trail to tell you about that.

At any rate, you will want to square off those shoulders of yours, keep your "tummy" in, your chin back and your old back-bone good and straight in fine Founder fashion. And, you will want to play such a fine upstanding game at home and in school that mother and dad will say, "Well son, I'm proud of you and I am delighted with the way that you live out the four-fold ideals of your camp the whole year round. You have proven yourself worthy of another Miniwanca camping trip and I am going to enter your application right away so that you are sure of your place for next summer."

Boy, oh boy! Isn't that worth working for? But let's get on to other things. I know how anxious you are to slide your eagle eye down the rest of this page and through the many other interesting news items in The Trail.

#### PERHAPS THE FIRST THING TO DO

is to revel in these newsy reminiscences (come on you, pronounce it correctly)

#### BY DIRECTOR GUS

Hello, gang! I just can't stop thinking CAMP. I have fourteen high spots that I have been turning around in my mind. I have been thinking of.....

1. The Crafts Shop which was the scene of ever increasing activity during the last few days of camp. The additional orders of leather strips were consumed in the span of a few days. Quite a few boys turned in models for the miniature Totem Pole Contest. Steve Zetterberg, Jim Orwig and Lewis Hardy were the respective winners. Brush-making was introduced and quite a few clothes and novelty brushes were turned out.
2. Along the line of birchbark-craft, lots of the boys and leaders were busy making post-cards, picture frames, letter boxes, etc. We look forward to greater participation in this interesting craft next year. Campcraft, which was also under the supervision of Webby, included the construction of a lean-to, the cooking of meals out in the open and some general hike first aid.
3. Good posture is fifty percent habit and fifty percent in having your body physically fit! We trust that the work done this summer will have lasting effects, and that similar exercises will be carried on throughout the year by each camper. When you budget your time at home, decide to allow five minutes to practice your exercises for keeping your shoulders back and your tummies elevated.
4. And let's not forget to recall the several interesting diversities for shooting archery that Garrott inaugurated. An archery golf-course was constructed in the draws of Old Baldy and cloud-shooting was practiced down on the beach. Each year the archery class grows more exciting, doesn't it? And boy, what a score Wayne made to win that tournament!





5. Look at that nice young pig sizzle! All day long, groups of boys and leaders took turns tending the fire and turning the meat on the grates, and basting the meat with a thick, savory sauce. And to all boys who spent many hours on this service project, by stone portage and cement mixing, goes a special word of commendation from the director. Next year the bar-b-q suite will be further improved with rustic tables and an enlarged oven.

6. Just a word to remind you that Wayne and Red shared honors in the athletic meet. Red captured first place in the hundred yard dash, shot put, broad jump, and the hop-step-jump. Monroe's general average was higher and he took first place in the individual standing. The Breakers, under Kuehne, won the team honors, the Beaches, Creeks, and Sands following in order.



7. The ping pong tournament progressed nicely and finally narrowed down to a race for final honors between Zetterberg and Cherbonnier. The former walked away with three fast games to win first place and the camper championship.

8. Will we ever forget how the Missouri Mule and the New Jersey Skunk always argued about which state was the best. Jack Wallbillich learned one new word at least. Garrott asked him to return a shovel to the store and after doing so, he said to Max, "Thanks for your GENERATION." And remember how Johnnie Doolittle sent umpty-ump pieces of clothing to the laundry one week? And while the pigs were being butchered for the barbecue, Chuck Bay made the interesting query - "Charlie, do pigs have eyes?"

9. Each pace-maker and the four pathfinders formed the Camp Council and to this group goes a special word of appreciation from the director for their generous advice and suggestions.

10. To many of us the Sunday morning services conducted by the campers and leaders on Chapel Dune were the most impressive of all the camp ceremonies. It is, of course, easier to worship in such a marvelous outdoors chapel, but somehow the worship programs were particularly appropriate and inspiring, and "different".

11. Little need be said about the banquet at which Minisino presided, for the songs and yells and the stunts will forever remain in our memory. When asked to evaluate the banquet, one of the leaders replied vigorously and enthusiastically, "Bigger and better than ever."



12. But a lot needs be said about the big camper-leader ball game, when the leaders completely (?) baffled the campers and rallied to a winning score of 10-7. A big merry-go-round rally in the eighth inning gave the leaders the palm of victory in this classic tilt. Harry Monroe and his team-mates fell on Dave Orwig and laid down a barrage of hits which almost sent the latter to the showers. Some loose fielding on the part of his co-workers largely accounted for his down-fall. All the leaders socked the old pill, each one getting at least one bingo. Phil Latta pitched air-tight ball for the ultimate victors. Wadjepi, Dad and Minisino officiated.

13. And then just a word to remind ourselves of the "more fearful than wonderful" Backwards Day, the Bean Hole Bean supper, the wonderful evening we spent



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at the fireside in Minisino's cottage, the helpful and joyous beach parties the new tent groups had, and above all, the farewell service held in the new Grand Council Circle.

14. Probably the things that will stick with us the longest, as we think of camp, will be the practical suggestions for living that came out of the ideals classes. The younger group are to be especially congratulated on the character monument bench that they built and appropriately dedicated. Every stone in the monument meant something real to each boy, and the beautiful way in which they outlined their spot with birch logs is indeed commendable. The advanced group started on the venture of building a Christian Code with the purpose of helping each boy face certain problems of conduct in the light of Jesus' teachings.

Well, I'll have to stop or I'll be using up all the space in The Trail.

A Merry Christmas to you all, and for the New Year I hope you have lots of chances to prove your real worth as a Founder fellow by being your best self always!

I'll be seeing you next summer!

Miniwancally and happily yours,



*Lus Gruenewald*

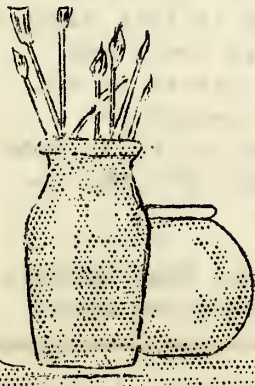
#### OUR NEW ADDRESS

You should see our fine new offices. Grand Boulevard was noisy, dirty and confusing, so this Fall we just picked up our things and moved around the corner into a lovely new office building - Suite 200-207, 3713 Washington Boulevard. You can imagine how bright and cheerful everything is when I tell you that there are nine broad windows in the suite, and the sunshine streams in those nine windows and fills every corner of the office.

Come in and visit us sometime. And remember the new address.

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#### POTTERY MAKING FOR 1933



I hope you get as big a kick out of that announcement as I do. I can just see little Johnnie Doolittle and Jackie Wallbillich running those "throwing wheels." What's a "throwing wheel" says you? Well say, you're going to find out next summer for you sure are going to have a chance to operate one yourself.

Yezzir - and what's more, you are going to help build a kiln for firing the pottery you have made with your own hands - those flower pots and bowls and vases and what-nots that you have turned out from the soft smooth clay on your throwing wheel.

And will we decorate the pottery? Will we? Well you tell 'em - and we'll bake those colors right into the pottery.

Talk about Creative Crafts - wait till you get going next summer on this pottery stunt.

And say, hold your breath, I am hoping to announce in the next Trail that a big manufacturer of pottery in Ohio will personally be with us in camp to show us how to do it.

"Gosh Wadjepi, you'd better stop telling us about all these good things or we'll pack up our grips and make a bee-line for camp this winter."

Hoo said that? Well, here's another -

### ERNEST THOMPSON SETON

You know him? Sure you do - you've read his books - "Wild Animals I Have Known" "Rolf in the Woods" and many other breathless tales that he has written. Did you know that Ernest Thompson Seton or "Black Wolf" as he is known to the Indians, was for two years a leader in our camps way back in 1914-15? And what a great old scout he is! "Black Wolf" is undoubtedly America's greatest exponent of outdoor life, camping, woodcraft, and Indian lore.

Down in New Mexico, Mr. Seton has a 3,000 acre ranch and he has founded there "The College of Indian Wisdom."

I had a great visit with Black Wolf when he was in St. Louis in October, and did I get a lot of new ideas from him for next summer's camp! Oh boy! Ernest Thompson Seton as you know is the founder of the Woodcraft League of America and the Woodcraft Indians, and he is mighty anxious to make available to us his vast knowledge and experience in the art of successful living in the great out-of-doors. It's great news to Founder campers to know that we have such a wealth of resource material at our command.

But I sure had one on old Black Wolf when I told him about tobogganing down Old Baldy. "Well, Wadjepi," said he, "that's a new one on me - your campers certainly are pioneers in that sport."

There's a good chance of our having a visit from Black Wolf next summer at Camp Miniwanca. Hold your breath and get ready for big doings.

### YO HO, WORLD'S FAIR

And aren't you glad that your camp is located just 150 miles across Lake Michigan from Chicago? Think of it, this year you can attend camp and the World's Fair all on one trip and for practically the same travel expense.

We are very seriously considering a two or three day personally conducted tour to the World's Fair for Founder campers. We would have our own picked leaders in charge of the various parties - a limited number to a group.





We would make arrangements Y.M.C.A. or a carefully careful estimate would be so that each boy's parents this part of would cost (roughly than twelve or fifteen Of course, this would service to parents boys to see the World's experience of this educational adventure under proper leadership and supervision.



for sleeping quarters in a chosen private home and a made of expenses involved would know exactly how much the camping trip figured - not more dollars for everything.) only be a Founder who would want their Fair and have the

Not sure of this as yet, but what would you think of the plan?

#### A NEW CAMP FOR THE OLDER FELLOWS

Here's another "new one" that will tickle the cockles of the hearts of the older fellows who have "grown up" in the Younger Boys' Camp.

We are considering a four weeks camp for the twenty-five fellows who have reached the top age of the Younger Boys' Camp.

These fellows would camp in the Younger Boys' Camp from August 7 to September 4 (four weeks). The Older Girls' Camp will be in full swing the first two weeks of this period and the Older Boys' Camp will be at Miniwanca during the last two weeks. And when the older fellows are there, the boys in the new High and Prep School Camp will get a chance to test themselves at times against their older brothers. In other words, you will be included in some of the doings of the older fellows.

Right now, I serve notice to the older crew to keep a weather eye open for some of the athletes and swimmers of the new camp. They will have to look sharp or the older younger fellows will take them for a fall, and I don't mean perhaps.

#### PIONEERING - ETERNALLY PIONEERING!

....that's the Founder spirit. And won't you fellows get a big kick out of pioneering this new camp this summer.

Yes, you may invite your friends 16-17 years of age to register in your new camp.

The number of campers this first year will be limited to 24.

Be sure to send in your reservation soon. Just write a note and say, "I'll be there." Who'll be the first to check in?

#### AND WHEN YOU TALK TO YOUR FRIENDS

let them know that they can join the Camp Savings Club and receive the same credit that we will allow you. The "new camper credit" of course, will be allowed only to Camp Miniwanca campers of previous years. Of course, we'll leave it to you to figure how little your camping would cost you next summer if you registered two or three campers.

PIGS

Of course, we're going to fatten some more pigs next summer for the big barbecue. And we'll have another butchering party, too, for all who want the experience. And did we have fun? You should see the movies of the big doings at Charlie Thompson's farm, and in the barbecue kitchen. Maybe we'll have a chance to show them

to you and your friends. Write in if you want to have a private showing in your own home.

THE CAMP SAVINGS CLUB

"Thar's gold in them thar hills." And the Camp Savings Club is a regular gold mine.

If you missed the November and December Club, you can join the January Club which starts January 15. Joining the January Club means paying in \$25.00 a month for five months and \$24.50 for one month - a total of \$149.50, and then we give you an \$8.00 credit which gives you a total of \$157.50 - the full camp fee for seven weeks.

If you join the four weeks club for January, you will pay in \$16.00 a month for six months - a total of \$96.00. Then we give you a \$4.00 credit which makes your total fee of \$100.00.

WOULDN'T IT BE GREAT

if some of your friends who are wondering what to give you for Christmas, would slip in your stocking some money for your camp savings fund?

AND HERE'S ANOTHER WAY TO EARN MONEY

toward your camp fee. We will allow you a generous commission for registering new campers. For instance, if you register a new camper and he attends camp for seven weeks - WE WILL CREDIT YOU \$15.00 ON YOUR CAMP FEE. If you register a new camper who attends for four weeks - WE WILL CREDIT YOU \$10.00 ON YOUR CAMP FEE.

SO, YOU SEE

one new camper registered by you, plus your Savings Club credit would bring your own camp cost down to a very, very low level.

POSTURE

Come on you Founders, don't slump. Show your stuff by thinking tall, sitting tall, walking tall, standing tall.

Remember, if those "innerds" of yours are all doubled up in a knot, your lungs will shrink, your digestion will be impaired, you will lose your zip and punch.

Tenshun! Posture! Practice it every day and especially in school and see how those grades begin to climb UP. I mean it. Good posture means increased



confidence in one's self. Come on now, everybody SING -

"Perfect posture, perfect posture!  
Do not slump, do not slump.  
Guard your manly figure.  
Guard your manly figure.  
Watch that hump -  
Watch that hump!"

AND NOW COME GREETINGS

from the jolly crew of the 1932 camp. Here we go -

"Four months ago to-day, camp closed with memories not to be extinguished by the shifting of the 'Sands' nor the roaring of the 'Breakers' or the washing of the 'Beaches' or the erosians of the 'Creeks.' 'Hurry up, Speed!!' 'Kenny - 13' 'Once there were three bears...' 'Fresh out of Harsigs' 'Shorts Subj - Al's & Mine'"

- Garrott Allen - St. Louis, Mo.

"Feeling fine except that I went to open a door at school and pushed my arm through the glass instead of pushing the wood. They only put about fifteen stitches in my arm. I hope I will be back at Miniwanca next year to see everybody. I wish everybody a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

- Charles Swartwout - Cleveland, Ohio.

"Hello everybody! Bet a lot of you fellows down South envy our cold weather and SWELL skating. Miniwanca-ly,

- Bob McKinney - Saginaw, Michigan.

"Hello Fellows! Aren't you counting the days until camp next summer at good old Miniwanca? Well I am hoping to see everyone back again so we can enjoy Old Baldy, the treasure hunts and the rest of the fun. See you then."

- George Gruenewald - St. Louis, Mo.

"Thru the haze of exams and school work and sports, I seem to remember something about Bob Mueller always wanting a 'rassle' or something last summer. I sure hope to get around to camp next summer and I hope to meet a lot of old friends when I come."

- Richard Jones, River Forest, Ill.

"I sure hope you boys will come to Miniwanca to make pottery next summer. I'm planning to."

- Jack Wallbillich - Dearborn, Mich.

"Cheerio! Wouldn't it be grand to be at Miniwanca for the holidays? I bet there's snow galore up there. The 'Stairs' would be a good place for a couple of sleds. O yeah!"

- Jim Doolittle - St. Louis, Mo.





"I hold the camp experience at Miniwanca very high. I hope to be back to Older Boys' Camp to see the gang. I am trying to get some other fellows up this year. Marie Shaver will be here next Friday."

- Karl Kuehne - South Bend, Ind.

"After many woes and worries, I have come around to writing this letter. Jim Rollin has gotten a new motor for his bike. One day I took a little ride on it and about wrecked it. For the last few days I have been working on an old radio-burning out batteries, tubes, and everything else in sight. I hope you all are having lots of fun, too. Merry Christmas and New Year to you. Hope to see you at camp again next summer."

- David Orwig - St. Louis, Mo.

"I am O. K. We have an orchestra started that is almost as bad as the camp orchestra. I am a first class scout now and I am working on merit badges. I hope all of the Miniwanca campers are feeling fine and I wish every one of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

- Kenyon Swartwout - Cleveland, Ohio.

"Say fellows - if you don't know how to swim or else want to do some pepping up on yours - you sure want to go to Miniwanca - Nice leaders - nice fellows and what a director, and meals! You can't stay hungry there."

- George Orndorff - Evanston, Ill.

"Gee! Isn't this snow great? I sure could use that old toboggan now. The snow reminds me of the toboggan rides down "Baldy." They sure were swell. How about it, Steve?

- Bob Mueller - St. Louis, Mo.

"Wow! It's 10 below zero up here in St. Paul to-day, but all of us Founders are 'hot' with the thought of going to Miniwanca again next summer. Speaking of coldness, wouldn't camp be keen for winter sports? Imagine Old Baldy with a foot or two of snow on it! Here's hoping you have "good sliding" until next summer, but remember the Beaches will beaches if you don't watch out!

- Carl Erdman - St. Paul, Minn.

"Hello Fellows: It is snowing outside for the first time in two years. There won't be any school to-morrow on account of the snow which is  $1\frac{3}{4}$  inches deep. Gee, I can hardly wait until next June, can you fellows? Good old Stony Lake and beach suppers. Well, so long, and I hope you all have a Merry Christmas."

- Don E. Burger - Irvington, New Jersey.

"Oh boy, would we go or would we go? Remember the toboggan rides down Old Baldy? How we could go if we were up there now sliding down a snow covered sand dune! Well, next summer we will have another grand time on the back of Old Baldy with our toboggan. Will you be with me?"

- Harry L. Monroe - Champaign, Ill.

"Hi men! This is station S N O R E - Verlie & Orwig incorporated - broadcasting from Tent D at twelve o'clock midnight. I sure want to get back to camp next summer and I hope you'll all be back, too. I am expecting a lot of new things to do. So long.

- Jim Orwig - St. Louis, Mo.



"Hi Gang! Are you all ready to go back and look for the 'Camp Spirit'? I guess you are; I know I am. I sure am anxious to hear the whole camp yelling for Tent I to keep quiet, but I guess I won't be the only one. 'Halleluia! I'm a Burp!'

- Bake Atwood - St. Louis, Mo.

"Providing Einstein able to solve method of keeping Johnny Doolittle out of sewer and way to prevent Joe Verlie from snoring so loudly, I shall be seeing you in June. Wishing you all as merry a Christmas as we had a happy summer at Miniwanca,

- Pufferbelly alias Rabbi Huntley" - Pittsburgh, Pa.

CAMP DATES - LITERATURE

First 4 Weeks Period.....June 21 to July 18 )

Second 4 Weeks Period.....July 10 to August 7 ) Limit 40 boys

Full 7 Weeks Period.....June 21 to August 7 )

New Camp for 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ -16 year old fellows.....August 7 to September 4 - Limit 25 boys.

Write in for more advance camp folders and pass them along to your buddies. Get them thinking about Miniwanca. It won't be long now! Haroo!

SEND IN THE NAMES OF PROSPECTIVE CAMPERS

A blank is enclosed for this purpose. Send us right away the names of the boys you have talked to about camp. We will write each boy and parent a letter, enclose a folder, and later send a camp prospectus.

AND NOW TO YOU

A MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Let us remember that we are celebrating the birth of our great Founder leader who "increased in wisdom, and stature, and in favor with God and man." As he was able to live a four-square life, so let us live as true Founder fellows.

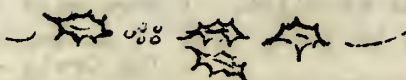
AND OF COURSE,

A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

I'm not strong on New Year resolutions but I do believe it is a good thing for a boy to check up on himself every now and then, just to see how he is "clicking." January 1st is a good time to check. A good Founder will square his jaw and take a big brace as he looks forward to the New Year. But the best thing you can do is to say to yourself, quietly, but with real determination, "I am going to pull up a few notches this year. I am going to think straight, keep fit, be kind and thoughtful, and reverence God."

And so you will have a Happy New Year, for you will make it so.

So long, for now. I'll sure be glad to hear from you.



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